El Azmeh, Nabeeh Bey

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Nabeeh Bey El-Azmeh
C/o M. A. Nowelhid
P.O.B. 425,
Jerusalem, Palestine.

The Director,
The Metropolitan Art Museum
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have in my possession five pieces of Ancient Coinage of Southern Arabia. These pieces I myself have collected from Yemen last year during my travel in that country. As I am not a numismatist, I should like to dispose of same. I enclose herewith a photograph of the pieces for your seeing them. In case you find them useful and therefore desire to buy them, I shall be pleased to come to a satisfactory agreement in this respect.

Hoping to be favoured with your reply

I remain, Sir,
Yours gratefully
Nabeeh El Azmeh

Mr. Kent

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM
OF ART

Office of the Secretary

Referred by The Metropolitan Museum of Art to

The American Numismatic Society -- 9 My.27

May 11, 1927

Mr. Nabeeh Eh Azmeh,
c/o Mr. A. Noweihid,
P.O.B. 425,
Jerusalem, Palestine

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply.

The second coin and the large thin silver one have no great value. A large find has been made recently of the second coin. The third and fourth coins, the two thick smaller ones, might interest us, but we could not buy them without seeing them, also we would want to know your price. The first coin, the gold one, might interest us. I am not taking the time to compare it with our specimens to see if we have this exact piece. If you care to send all of these over, naming your price, we will then tell you whether we desire them or not.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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C/o P.O.B. 425
Jerusalem,
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Director
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th.
and 156th. Streets
New York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated May 11. 1927, I have two days ago sent you the five pieces registered by post in a separate parcel. They are not, as you have thought, of gold. I shall be much obliged, if after you have seen them, return to me the pieces that do not interest you, by the same above address. The pieces that you will find of interest to you, you may keep it with you, until we come to an end in this question. These coins I found after research in Yemen last year. I had a previous visit to this country about 25 years ago. Indeed it took me much trouble and difficulties to have found these coins and some others all relating to the Himyar period. My last year travelling in Yemen costed me not less than L.E. 300. I sent some people as far as Maareb, the place which nobody can reach it except its own inhabitants (of Maareb).

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I have sent other photographs of the same pieces to some Museums of Europe and a correspondence has been going on between them and me on this subject. Until I have come to a conclusion as to their want of having these coins, I do not find myself able to name any price to you. But - on your part - you may if you like let me no the price that will suit you

The photographs are returned herewith bearing numbers so that when you will kindly return some of the ~~coins~~ coins to me please write me the numbers of the returned pieces.

Yours very Gratefully.
Rabeck G Ajmek

Jerusalem
28-6-1927.

August 6, 1927

Nabeeh Bey ElAzmel,
care P.O.Box 425
Jerusalem, Palestine.

Dear Sir;

Your letter and coins came to hand the other day. Unfortunately the two coins that we really wanted are cast counterfeits- namely numbers 3 and 5. Number 2 is also a cast reproduction and consequently has no value. Numbers 1 and 4 are genuine but we do not care for them.

Under seperate cover and by registered mail, we are returning all the coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

H.W: J.R